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"...BY ABANDONING HER PEOPLE IN THEIR GREATEST TIME OF NEED...
"...SHE SAVED US ALL.
"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE SHE'S LAUGHING ABOUT IT SOMEWHERE."
KARNAK SAYS WE'RE HERE.

INCOMING ARROWS! QUEEN MEDUSA, AREN'T WE SITTING FOWL OUT HERE?
THAT'S OUR INTENTION.
UHK!
THUK
TRITON, ARE YOU--
I'M FINE, BUT IT HIT MY WATER SUPPLY.
GORGON, ADVANCE ON THEM.
NO.
MY QUEEN, WE MUST ANSWER THEIR ATTACK!
STAND DOWN, GORGON. WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT.
THEY ARE.
HAIL, WARRIORS. WE COME IN PEACE. WE MEAN YOU NO HARM.
WE'VE COME TO SEE YOUR LEADER.
ARE YOU INSANE?
NO. I'M DESPERATE.
MY HUSBAND IS MISSING.
MY SON IS WITH HIM, IF I'M LUCKY.
MY PEOPLE ARE IN GRAVE DANGER...

AND THE ENEMY OF OUR ENEMY MAY BE THE ONLY FRIEND WE HAVE.
"YOU CALL YOURSELF 'INHUMAN', BUT THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE, IS IT?"

PHYSIOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, YOU'RE STILL MORE *HUMAN* THAN MOST ANYTHING ELSE.
YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT A SKRULL. NOT EVEN CLOSE.
YOUR BRAIN STILL TETHERS LOGIC TO EMOTION.
THE SKRULL SHIP RY'BIK.
IS HE GOING TO KILL MY FATHER?
HEAVENS NO, AHURA.
NOT *YET*, ANYWAY.
WE'RE JUST GOING TO WORK TOGETHER, MY COMRADE AND I, TO...GET INSIDE HIS HEAD.
I WAS A MEMBER OF THE QUEEN'S TEAM TO CRACK THE HUMAN BRAIN. I FOUND MANY OF ITS *"BUTTONS."*
NOW WE JUST NEED TO *PUSH* A FEW.
SO LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING.
WITH YOUR PARENTS.
AND THE EXPERIMENTS THEY CONDUCTED WHILE YOU WERE IN UTERO.

"EVEN THEN, THEY KNEW YOU WERE NOTHING BUT A WEAPON, DIDN'T THEY?
"SO YOU WERE EXILED. ALLOWED CONTACT WITH NO OTHER INHUMANS.
"BUT THAT LAW SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BENT.
OOH. LOOK AT THAT...
...I THINK WE JUST FOUND YOUR BRAIN'S ACHILLES' HEEL...

TEN MINUTES LATER.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, CRYSTAL.
IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY. KARNAK'S GOING TO FIX YOUR BREATHING APPARATUS.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I'M TRYING TO IGNORE IT.
OH? WATCH ME.
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM, COUSIN.
YOU'LL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT.
YOUR FAMILY NEEDS YOU, AND WE EXPECT--
MY QUEEN. THIS IS KARNAK. I THINK I FOUND SOMETHING.
PLEASE MEET ME ON THE KREE FLAGSHIP.
WHAT OF TRITON, MY QUEEN?
HE'S OF LITTLE USE TO US RIGHT NOW.

"THANKS TO THE KREE TECHNOLOGY, LOCKJAW'S RANGE HAS GREATLY EXPANDED."
GOOD BOY.
"HE'LL TAKE MEDUSA AND CRYSTAL TO EARTH, WHERE THUNDRA, THE WARRIOR QUEEN, HAS SET UP A COMMUNE OF SORTS--A CAMP THAT HAS CAPTURED ONE PIECE OF OUR PUZZLE.
"GORGON AND I WILL HEAD TO RIGEL 3, IN SEARCH OF A RECORDER ANDROID SAID TO HAVE CRACKED THE SKRULL COMMUNICATIONS ALGORITHM.
"MEANWHILE, MY BROTHER TRITON MUST HANDLE THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE ON HIS OWN...
"...ON PELAGIA, AN ALL-WATER PLANET.

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
"...TRITON MUST SIMPLY FIND IT."

EARTH.
ARE YOU GOING TO TALK TO ME?
I, TOO, AM TRYING TO ACT LIKE BLACK BOLT. SILENT. WISE. DETACHED.
EVEN FROM HIS QUEEN.
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, LITTLE GIRL!
SMACK
AH! WHA--?
ALL YOUR LIFE, YOU'VE DONE WHATEVER YOU'VE WANTED. JOINING YOUR EARTHLING TEAMS. MARRYING OUTSIDE YOUR PEOPLE. MORE HUMAN THAN INHUMAN.
SO I HAVE TO GROW UP JUST LIKE YOU? MARRY THE FIRST BOY I MEET?
NO. YOU JUST HAVE TO GROW UP.
SISTERS. YOU KNOW THE RULE.
YOU HAVE DIFFERENCES. YOU WANT TO FIGHT. WE RESPECT THAT. ENCOURAGE IT, EVEN.
BUT ALL DIFFERENCES ARE DECIDED IN THE ARENA.
"YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE FATE OF YOUR QUEEN, DO YOU?
"WHAT SHE'S BEEN THROUGH SINCE YOU'VE SEEN HER LAST?

"IT WAS JUST AFTER YOUR SILENT WAR. YOUR CROWN WAS RIPPED FROM YOUR HEAD, YOUR CITY DEVASTATED AT YOUR OWN HOLLER.
"I IMAGINE THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK SUCH INTEREST IN YOUR SUPPOSEDLY SECRET *ILLUMINATI* MEETINGS.
"AND THAT'S WHY WE TOOK A MIGHTY INTEREST IN ***YOU.***
"WE THOUGHT THAT WHEN THE HULK CAME, YOUR REPLACEMENT'S IDENTITY WOULD BE REVEALED.
"BUT INSTEAD IT DROVE YOUR WIFE TO CARE FOR HER FALLEN KING. IT DROVE HIM INTO HER...***ARMS.***
"FROM THEN ON, THE KING AND THE QUEEN FOUND THEIR WAY INTO BED.
"***MANY*** TIMES."
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S THE ANGER I WAS LOOKING FOR.
NOW WE'RE READY TO FIRE AT WILL.